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Director's Meeting

Monday, 17 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Earman

The Director read a personal cable from Gen. Ridgway concerning Gen. Wyman.

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Noted that our most recent reports indicate that the Thai King had not been kidnapped but, in fact, had gone on a cruise with the Thai "avy."

b. Briefly discussed the "submarine activities" in Santo Domingo waters and noted that the most recent rumor indicates there might possibly be two rather than one sub.

c. Stated that Gen. Barber had now made his contacts [redacted]. DCI directed that a personal cable from him to Barber be sent, pointing out the good relations established here with Ambassador MacVeagh [redacted].
[redacted] Mr. Wisner undertook to send this cable.

d. Reported on a meeting he and Admiral Kirk had with Mr. Bohlen. Mr. Dulles noted that Kirk was somewhat concerned over questions asked him as to support for the [redacted]. In this connection, Mr. Dulles stated that both Kirk and Bohlen desired to attempt to raise more money for the [redacted].
[redacted] The Director approved.

e. Briefly discussed the draft note now being prepared by State to the Germans. In this connection, Mr. Wisner said that State had asked us to do a number of things to support this note and which were not included in the contents.

f. Stated that Chip Bohlen was most interested in the recent intelligence report we had sent to him on possible Russian courses of action. The Director asked that Bohlen's comments on this report together with those of George Kennon be furnished him. ~~done~~.

Mr. Wolf:

a. Noted that he was seeing [redacted] concerning our new building and asked the Director to call Congressman Mahon.

b. Reported that he was seeing Pat Coyne sometime this week on a certain matter.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that "the airplane" mentioned at a previous meeting had completed its flight and our [] "had been saved."

b. Gave the Director a draft of a proposed letter from the President to Gordon Gray concerning the Gray report and noted that (1) he had tried to clear this letter with State but was unable to do so because of disagreement as to the content. (State appears to be nervous over the fact that the President will make a public statement.) (2) Suggested that the DCI discuss this letter at the forthcoming meeting of the PSB. The Director stated that he intended to send this letter along to Admiral Souers and after a day or so send a copy to Staats for his information only.

c. Referred to a recent cable from [] concerning the SHAPE Clandestine Planning Committee. The Director stated that he had talked to Gen. Schow about this and asked him to look into this matter when he returned. The Director also asked that [] be advised to talk to Schow. Mr. Wisner undertook to do this.

d. Stated that he had (1) had a conversation with Doc Matthews concerning the Italian elections and (2) had put State on notice of the amount of funds that will come before the PSB for review concerning our Far Eastern operations. In connection with the Italian elections, Mr. Wisner stated that Matthews thinks we should proceed on the Italian matter and will concur in the funds to be expended on this project. Mr. Wisner stated that Mr. Foster also concurs in this operation and noted that Foster had asked why we did not request some funds from MSA. (NOTE: This will be discussed with Mr. Harriman.)

Mr. Hedden raised the question of [] being presented to the PSB. Mr. Dulles noted we were proceeding on this matter as fast as possible.

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